

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold joint hearings to examine food marketing to children, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine turmoil in United States credit markets, focusing on recent actions regarding investment banks and other financial institutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold oversight hearings to examine the transition to digital television, focusing on the February 2009 deadline, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine reasons that diesel fuel prices have been so high and what can be done to address this situation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act (Public Law 101-549), 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine covering the uninsured, focusing on making health insurance markets work, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Croatia adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 110-20), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Geneva 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto 1994), together with declarations and reservations by the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis 1998) (Treaty Doc. 108-05), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998), together with the declarations and reservations by the United States, all as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002) (Treaty Doc. 109-11), Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as Amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), Together with the Declarations and Reservations by the United States, all as Contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) (Treaty Doc. 110-16), S. 2609, to establish a

Global Service Fellowship Program, S. 3103, to amend the Iran, North Korea, and Syria nonproliferation Act to allow certain extraordinary payments in connection with the International Space Station, S. 1007, to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment, S. 3426, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents on Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad, S. Res. 598, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to lead renewed international efforts to assist developing nations in conserving natural resources and preventing the impending extinction of a large portion of the world's plant and animal species, an original bill entitled, "Security Assistance Act", and the nominations of Brian H. Hook, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Sung Y. Kim, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador and to be Alternate Representative of the United States to the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, Clifford D. May, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, and other pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine investing in a skilled workforce, focusing on making the best use of tax-payer dollars to maximize results, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine after action reviews of Federal, State, and local activities to respond and recover from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine reducing the undercount in the 2010 census, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3474, to amend title 44, United States Code, to enhance information security of the Federal Government, S. 3384, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to

require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal IT investment projects, H.R. 2631, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, H.R. 3815, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, an original bill to establish a controlled unclassified information framework, H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth, S. 3350, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances, S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence, H.R. 5975 and S. 3317, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office", H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the "Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building", S. 3309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Post Office Building, H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office", and the nominations of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, and Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 12 noon, S-216, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the elements of the Federal government responsible for coordinating our public diplomacy, including their respective missions, organizational structures, workforce, and management, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, S. 3194, to transfer surplus Federal land administered by the Coast Guard in the

State of Oregon, S. 3128, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project, S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and S. 3381, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine equal pay for equal work, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of C. Darnell Jones II to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mitchell S. Goldberg to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Joel H. Slomsky to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Eric F. Melgren to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Anthony John Trenga to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, 3 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., S-213, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the new Attorney General guidelines for domestic intelligence collection, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Defense's work with states, universities and students to transform the nation's foreign language capacity, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Child Labor Enforcement: Are We Adequately Protecting our Children, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following legislation: H.R. 1283, Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act of 2007; H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; H.R. Calling Card Consumer Protection Act; H.R. 1157, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; legislation to amend Part II of the Federal Power Act to address potential cybersecurity threats to the bulk power system; and H.R. 6568, Tom Lantos Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Education Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Hurricanes in Haiti: Disaster and Recovery, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following legislation: H.R. 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008; H.R. 5882, To recapture employment-based immigration visas lost to bureaucratic delays and to prevent losses of family- and employment-based immigrant visas in the future; H.R. 5924, Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act; H.R. 5950, Detainee Basic Medical Care Act

of 2008; and a resolution and report recommending to the House of Representatives that Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey be cited for contempt of Congress, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on the Executive Office of Immigration Review, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on Identifying Labor Solutions for the Guam Military Build-Up, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Necessary Reform to Pediatric Dental Care under Medicaid, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on FEMA's Response to the 2008 Hurricane Season and the National Housing Strategy, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Media Outreach to Veterans: An Update, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health of the Private Health Insurance market, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on CIA's Clandestine Service, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 23 through September 27,
2008

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m. Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6049, Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act, and consider certain amendments.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 24, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term ending May 21, 2014, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

September 24, Full Committee, with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 Midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

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September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the authorization of Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape techniques for interrogations in Iraq, focusing on the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in United States custody, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

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September 24, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the safety and security of spent nuclear fuel transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine broadband providers and consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 23, to hold hearings to examine reasons that diesel fuel prices have been so high and what can be done to address this situation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 23, to hold hearings to examine regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act (Public Law 101-549), 10 a.m., SD-406.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Bush Administration's environmental record at the Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) cleanup of the Superfund site in Libby, Montana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

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